

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
January 29, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Mary Feathers, Chair, Shamim Patwa , Vice Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Dudley Hamlin, Mark LaPlaca, Katherine Paulhus, Superintendent
Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin. Director of Finance, Jeff Smith
Absent: Gary Bent, Martha Kelly, Min Lin

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by Ms Feathers, Chair.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Email from Anne Soracchi requesting the Board continues the support of the Suzuki program.

Memo from the Mansfield Education Association regarding the 2009-2010 school calendar.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

Vinton PTA: Kathy Ward, President and Sarah Delia, Secretary reported on the various ways support is provided by the PTA to Vinton School.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

2009-2010 Proposed Budget – Mr. Baruzzi and Dr. Leclerc reviewed the District Management, Support Services, Special Education, and Other Program sections of the budget.

Enhancing Student Achievement – Two new activities have been approved.

Citizen's Budget Guide – To increase communication regarding the Town Budget process, the Town Manager's office is preparing a budget guide that will be distributed throughout the Town.

District Energy Administrative Regulation – Mr. Baruzzi discussed the new energy regulation that will clarify and provide guidance for all Town and Board employees in instituting energy saving measures.

2009-2010 – The proposed calendar was distributed to the Board. It was prepared in conjunction with the Region 19 sending schools and EASTCONN Region schools.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Kueffner, seconded Mr. Hamlin that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of January 29, 2009 be approved or received for the record:

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the January 22, 2009 Board meeting. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Jessica Higham spoke in support of the pre-school program.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

MOTION by Ms Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, adjourn at 10:33pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk